

REMARKS

In this Amendment, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 3. Accordingly, Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 6, 7, 11, and 23 have been amended into independent form incorporating the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 28 and 36 have been amended to correct obvious errors in the claims.

As set forth above, all claim amendments herein are directed towards matters of form and are unrelated to patentability.

Claims 5, 8, 14-16, 18, 20, 22, 26-27, 29, 31-34, 37-38 should be reinstated and allowed.

As discussed below, Claims 1, 11, 25 and 35 are allowable. Claims 5, 8, Claims 14-16, 18, 20, 22, Claims 26-27, 29, 31-34, and Claims 37-38 depend from allowable Claim 1, Claim 11, Claim 25 and Claim 35, respectively. Since withdrawn Claims 5, 8, 14-16, 18, 20, 22, 26-27, 29, 31-34, 37-38 depend from allowable claims, Applicants hereby request reinstatement and allowance of Claims 5, 8, 14-16, 18, 20, 22, 26-27, 29, 31-34, 37-38.

Regarding the Title

The Examiner states:

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.
(Office Action, page 2.)

Applicants have amended the title to read --STACKED SEMICONDUCTOR DIE ASSEMBLY HAVING AT LEAST ONE SUPPORT--. Should the Examiner require further amendment of the title,

Applicants request that the Examiner describe the asserted lack of description of the title.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the title.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9 and 10 are patentable over Tao et al. (6,215,193).

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 3. Accordingly, Claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2, 4, 9 and 10, which depend from Claim 1, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

The objection to Claims 6, 7, 11-13, 17, 19, 21, 23-25, 28 and 30 should be withdrawn.

The Examiner states:

Claims 3, 6, 7, 11 to 13, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28 and 30 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. (Office Action, page 5.)

Claims 6, 7, 11, and 23 have been amended to be in independent form including the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Claims 6, 7, 11 and 23 are allowable. Claims 12-13, 17, 19, 21, which depend from Claim 11, are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 11. Claim 24, which depends from Claim 23, is allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 23.

Applicants note that objected to Claim 25 is in independent form. Accordingly, Claim 25 is allowable. Claim 28, which depends from Claim 25, is allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 25.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Allowed Claims

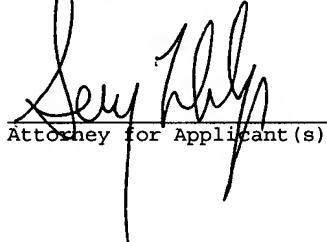
Applicants note that Claims 35-36, 39-43 and 46-52 are allowed.

Conclusion

Claims 1-2, 4-43, 46-52 are pending in the application. For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

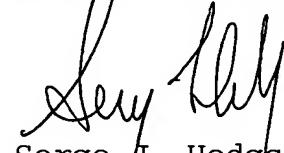
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